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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on February 9, 2004. In such Office Action claims 1-33 were pending. Claims 1-33 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. This Response to Restriction Requirement document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

## **ELECTION**

## Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121

An election requirement was made to pending claims 1-33. The claims were placed into three groups:

Group I (claim 1) drawn to a method of compiling a functional gene profile of a donor organism;

Group II (claim 2) drawn to a method of identifying the sequence of an antigen of a pathogen; and

> 37 CFR 1.8 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Group III (claims 3-33) drawn to a method of identifying the sequence of an antigen of a cancer cell.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group III, claims 3-33, without traverse.

It is believed that no fees are due with this submission; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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